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Amendment dated August 23, 2007  
Response to Office Action of May 24, 2007

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action of May 24, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

Claims 1, 4, and 6 have been amended in this Amendment. Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter presented therein. Claims 1-15 thus remain pending.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

***Claim objections***

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 6 because claim 6 recited the phrase "according to one of the claim 1." Claim 6 has been amended to remove this informality. In addition, it was noted that claim 4 contained the same informality, and thus claim 4 also has been amended to remove the noted informality.

Withdrawal of the objection to claim 6 is respectfully requested.

***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lea et al., (Networking Home Entertainment Devices with HAVi, dated 9/00, p. 35, Supporting Technologies), hereinafter Lea.

Applicant has cancelled claim 16 herein, thus mooted the rejection as to that claim.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as to claims 1-15 for at least the following reasons.

Lea describes aspects of a home audio/video interoperability (HAVi) architecture which provides a set of application programming interfaces (APIs) and services, and further provides an on-the-wire protocol specified by an industry initiative. HAVi facilitates cross-vendor interoperability between consumer electronics devices and computing devices and simplifies the development of distributed applications on home networks. Lea, p. 35.

As part of this architecture, Lea describes a home network shell that can identify, select, and control most or all of the network's devices. Lea, p. 41. When a user powers up a controller, the

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shell graphically represents the current home network configuration based on the information in its registry. Lea describes that when a user selects a particular device control module (DCM), the shell can instantiate a data-driven-interaction (DDI) controller to interact with the DCM as a DDI target. The user then manipulates the target device to examine and control its operation. In the case of a conflict over device use between different network shells running on the network, the respective shells can inform the users of the conflict, and the users can settle the conflict out of band and give appropriate shell commands to continue network use without contention. Lea, p. 41, right column to p. 42, left column.

Applicant respectfully submits that Lea does not describe all of the features recited in independent claims 1 or 10 herein.

Claim 1 recites a connection between a data source device and a data sink device, wherein the sink device becomes the default connection of the data of the source device as soon as the source device is selected through the user interface of the sink device. As recited in claim 1, the user does not have to explicitly select the display device he is watching as the sink device for the data to be transmitted.

Applicant respectfully submits that Lea thus does not describe at least the recited feature of claim 1 of "*automatically establishing, upon selection of a function of the source device by the user through the user interface, a connection between the data source device and the data sink device as default destination device of the connection, wherein said sink device has playback capability of the data of the source device.*"

Claim 10 recites a method for establishing a connection for data transmission from the data source device to the data sink device as default destination device of the connection.

Applicant respectfully submits that Lea also does not describe at least the recited feature of claim 10 of "*establishing a connection for data transmission from the data source device to the data sink device as default destination device of the connection, wherein said sink device has playback capability of the data of the source device.*"

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Lea does not describe all of the features recited in independent claims 1 and 10, and that claims 1 and 10 are therefore allowable over Lea. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Lea is respectfully requested.

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Claims 2 to 9 depend from claim 1. As discussed above, claim 1 is allowable over Lea. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 to 9 also are allowable over Lea, in view of their dependence on allowable base claim 1, and further in view of the additional inventive features recited therein. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2 to 9 over Lea is respectfully requested.

In addition, claims 11 to 15 depend from claim 10. As discussed above, claim 10 is allowable over Lea, and Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11 to 15 also are allowable over Lea, both in view of their dependence on an allowable base claim and in view of the additional inventive steps recited therein. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11 to 15 over Lea is respectfully requested.

As noted above, claim 16 has been cancelled, thus mooted the rejection as to that claim.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all of pending claims 1-15 are allowable over Lea. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-15 and allowance are respectfully requested.

#### CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 609-734-6440.

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